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Docket No. A-68718-4/RFT/RMS/RMK

Anticipated Classification of this Application:

Class: Subclass:

Prior Application

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## Box PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing an

Original  
 Continuation  
 Divisional  
 Continuation-in-part

application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), in the name of

Robert H. TERBRUEGGEN, et al.  
(Names of ALL Applicants)DEVICES AND METHODS FOR BIOCHIP MULTIPLEXING  
(Title of Invention)This  continuation  divisional  continuation-in-part

claims the benefit of the priority to U.S.S.N. 60/145,840 filed November 3, 2000. This application is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/904,175, filed July 11, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/760,384 filed January 11, 2001, which claims the benefit of priority date 60/175,539 filed January 11, 2000 and PCT Application US01/01150 filed January 11, 2001.

1. (a)  Enclosed is a new application.  
 (b)  Enclosed is a continuation-in-part application.  
 (c)  Enclosed is a copy of the prior application.
2. (a)  Enclosed is a new Declaration.  
 (b)  Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration as originally filed.
3. (a)  Applicant claims Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.  
 (b)  A Small Entity Affidavit is of record in the prior application.
4.  The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as filed in the prior application, less any claims canceled by amendment below:

	(Col. 1) NO. FILED	(Col. 2) NO. EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
			RATE	Fee	Rate	Fee
<b>BASIC FEE</b>				\$355		\$710
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<u>      </u> - 20 =	*	× 9 =	\$	× 18 =	\$
<b>INDEP CLAIMS</b>	<u>      </u> - 3 =	*	× 40 =	\$	× 80 =	\$
<b>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED</b>	<u>      </u> yes		+135 =	\$	+270 =	\$
If the difference in Col 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2			<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

5.  The Commissioner is hereby NOT authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Order No. \_\_\_\_\_).

6.  Our check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.  
 The filing fee is NOT being submitted with this transmittal letter.

7.  Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

8.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a \_\_\_\_\_ continuation \_\_\_\_\_ divisional \_\_\_\_\_ continuation-in-part  
of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.

9. (a)  Informal drawings are enclosed 51 Sheets.  
(b)  Formal drawings are enclosed.

10. (a)  claims the benefit of priority to U.S.S.N. 60/145,840 filed November 3, 2000. This application is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/904,175, filed July 11, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/760,384 filed January 11, 2001, which claims the benefit of the priority date of 60/175,539 filed January 11, 2000 and PCT Application US01/01150 filed January 11, 2001, claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119/120.

(b)  The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

11.  The prior application is assigned of record to \_\_\_\_\_

12.  The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(a)  The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.  
(b)  Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.  
(c)  A new power has been executed and is enclosed.  
(d)  Address all future communications to:

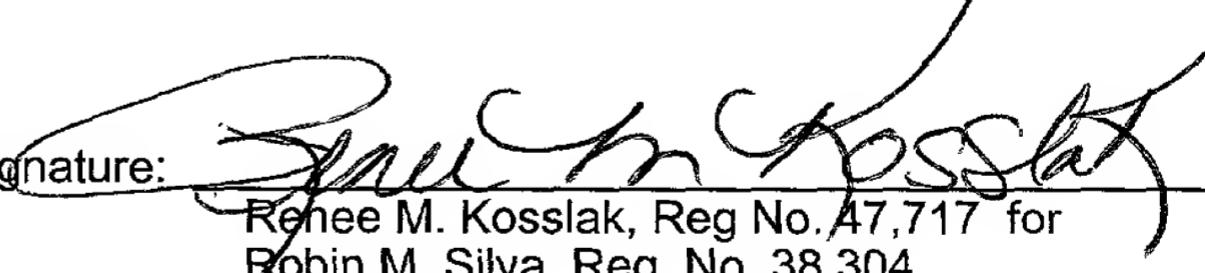
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13.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

14.  I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true duplicate of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

Date: November 5, 2001

Signature: 

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